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#### PROBLEMS OF HALEIWA

Haleiwa like many other windward areas is beginning to feel the pressure of suburban development. Hotels, highways and a harbor are just some of the major problems facing Haleiwa. Here like in most windward areas people are just beginning to take an interest, and are beginning to organize to fight the major developments.

Plans are being made for the construction of a 244 craft small boat harbor at the site of the present Haleiwa harbor. Haleiwa boat harbor is located at the mouth of the Anahulu River which flows into Waialua Bay. The existing harbor was constructed in 1965, it has 20 fixed catwalks housing about 40 boats. According to the statement by the State Department of Transportation being circulated, building of the harbor will have little effect on the environment. Maybe there won't be much effect on the environment but the people in the area would be greatly effected.

Many of the boats that would be kept there would be owned by a person living in Honolulu. During the weekends hundreds of people would swamp down there to launch boats.

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the harbor, during a big storm no one would be able to tie these boats down. These boats would break free and start colliding with many of the other boats. If you think this is impossible it has happened recently in the present Haleiwa harbor. A big storm came and all the local people went down to secure their boats, but this one boat that was Honolulu owned broke free because no one was there to secure her. As the waves went in and out of the harbor so did the boat colliding and damaging many of the boats in the process, the insurance paid for the Honolulu owned boat but didn't cover all the other damaged boats it collided with.

High-rise development has also been a recent problem affecting Haleiwa. Herbert Hirota <sup>or</sup> a local developer last year purchased the former 53-acre Palama settlement area at Kai-aka Point for \$2 million from the Bishop Estate. <sup>sold or leased?</sup> Hirota then put in an application with the City Planning Department to rezone this area from a park site to A-3 Apartment Zoning. Hirota's plans lists 8-sevenstory buildings comprising about 1,100 to 1,400 apartments.

Since Hirota drew opposition from the Waialua Community Association both sides agreed on a residents opinion poll.

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trying to persuade locals to sign a petition in their favor. They were also promising a local park and a swimming pool for local residents. Others complained that they were offering donations to local youth activity leagues.

In the end over 700 people of the Haleiwa-Waialua community showed up to vote at the Waialua Community Association Center and the results were 520 voted against Hirota while 199 voted for the condominium project. Although Hirota has only made an application to the city to rezone the property the vote is expected to carry a weight with the city officials. This is only a small victory there are many other developers interested in Haleiwa.

Haleiwa is only one community in Windward Oahu, by organizing the residents of the community together they are able to fight issues that arise in their community. In numbers they are able to voice their opinion to officials they put into office.

If all Windward Oahu would band together and fight each others issue instead of just their own they would be able to sway more city officials. All the communities fighting one issue the sheer numbers of the people would be able to de-